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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1758

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SN

SUBJ: VISIT OF CUBAN DELEGATION ON NAM

REF: SINGAPORE 1672

1. CUBAN AMBASSADOR VAZQUES MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM ON APRIL 13. CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, HE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BUT LIMITED TALKS TO PROMOTING NAM SUMMIT MEETING NEXT YEAR IN HAVANA. VAZQUEZ, DESCRIBED BY MFA OFFICIAL AS PLEASANT AND SOFT-SPOKEN, SAID CUBA WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN MAKING MEETING A SUCCESS AND REQUESTED ATTENDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER LEE.

2. RAJA TREATED VAZQUEZ TO LECTURE ON NEED TO REDEFINE NON-ALIGNMENT, MAIN POINT OF WHICH WAS THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON ECONOMIC BETTERMENT OF THIRD WORLD PEOPLES. HE TOLD VAZQUEZ THAT PM-'S ATTENDANCE WOULD VERY MUCH DEPEND ON WHETHER NAM AGENDA TURNS OUT TO BE "USEFUL". IF NOT, RAJA WOULD ATTEND INSTEAD. VAZQUEZ ASSURED HIM THAT AGENDA WOULD INDEED  
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BE USEFUL (WHICH MFA OFFICER INTERPRETS TO MEAN ONE THAT WOULD NOT EMBARRASS MODERATE NAM COUNTRIES LIKE SINGAPORE).

3. MFA OFFICER WHO HAD EARLIER TOLD US HE THOUGHT CUBANS WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SAID CUBANS APPARENTLY UNWILLING TO JOSTLE GOS WHILE REQUESTING

PM'S ATTENDANCE AT HAVANA MEETING. HE NOTED THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO IS GENERALLY CHARGED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SE ASIAN COUNTRIES, AND EXPECTS THAT NEXT APPROACH ON RELATIONS WILL BE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL.

4. RAJA ASKED VAZQUEZ ABOUT STATE OF CUBAN-US RELATIONS. LATTER REPLIED THAT THINGS ARE GOING SLOWLY; U.S. IS NOT MEETING CUBAN CONDITIONS FOR RESTORATION OF RELATIONS: LIFT TRADE EMBARGO, ABANDON GUANTANAMO AND MAKE REPARATION PAYMENTS.

5. COMMENT: OUR SECOND-HAND IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBANS ARE STAKING PRESTIGE ON MAKING HAVANA MEETING A GRAND SUCCESS AND MAY BE WILLING TO PAY FOR IT BY ACCEPTING MODERATE AGENDA.  
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